

*****January 24, 2022*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Vicki Anderson
Councilmember Elizabeth Baker
Councilmember Andrew Gardner

Also present were: Interim Town Manager Mitchell Moore
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Fire Captain/Training Officer Sam Guin
See attached list for others present

Mayor Poss led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Minutes

The minutes for the October 25, 2021 regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Citizen Opportunity to Address Council

There were no citizens wishing to address Council.

Resolutions

“A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE MEMBERS OF THE SIGNAL CORPS MARCHING BAND AND THEIR DIRECTORS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING, AWARD-WINNING PERFORMANCES DURING THE 2021 COMPETITION SEASON.”

Councilmember Baker made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVID CANTRELL AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.”

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MIKE RICHARDS TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS.”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the Resolution was approved.

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ED GARBEE TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION.”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the Resolution was approved.

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BARBARA WOMACK, CLYDE WOMACK, ANNE HAGOOD, KYLE KELLY, ROBERT RICHIE, JR., JOSHUA ROGERS AND JIM WEBSTER AS MEMBERS OF A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TREE BOARD ENTITLED TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S HEMLOCK CONSERVATION TASK FORCE.”

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the Resolution was approved.

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARY SCOTT NORRIS, JOHN WYNNE, ELAINE PRESTON, DAVID REED, BONNIE HAMILTON AND RICHARD GRAHAM TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the Resolution was approved.

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANNETTE ALLEN TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S LIBRARY BOARD.”

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the Resolution was approved.

“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CORINNE EVANS AND DEBORAH NEIGHBORS TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S LIBRARY BOARD.”

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the Resolution was approved.

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BRENT MORRIS, RYAN SLATTERY AND MARCI COOPER TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION.”

Councilmember Baker made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the Resolution was approved.

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TALMADGE MINCEY AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S PARKS BOARD.”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the Resolution was approved.

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CALLAN PIERSON AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the Resolution was approved.

“A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANNE HAGOOD AND MICHAELA FARMER AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN’S TREE BOARD.”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the Resolution was approved.

Ordinances

None

Discussion

a. Board Applications.

Town Council discussed the present openings for the Condemnation Board, Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, Parks Board, Personnel Committee and Recreation Board. Staff was directed to continue to advertise for members for the Condemnation Board and Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Staff was directed to prepare Resolutions for members of the Parks Board, Personnel Committee, Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals and Recreation Board that have applied.

b. Future Planning Session for Town Council.

Councilmember Baker explained this planning session was for facilitated strategic planning for the Town. Mr. Moore is to contact MTAS and report back to Council.

c. Need for a Called Meeting/Possible Manager Selection.

Town Council will hold a called meeting on February 7, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. for the purpose of possible selection of Town Manager.

d. American Rescue Plan Act.

Mr. Moore advised Town Council that there are several projects in Water and Stormwater that are ready for bid, and the money from the American Rescue Plan Act is needed to begin the bid process which then will be brought back to Council for approval. Council was in agreement for the use of this money and advised staff to begin the process.

e. Town Manager Assessment/Review Process and Policy.

Councilmember Baker advised that there was a need for this review process for a new Town Manager. Councilmember Baker gave each Councilmember a handout addressing the issue. Councilmember Anderson informed Council she had reviewed the Bristol, TN evaluation form for their City Manager and she really liked their form. Town Council is supportive of a Review Process and will discuss further at future Council meetings.

Manager's Report

Mitchell Moore, Interim Town Manager, advised he would have on the next agenda the setting of a date for the Work Session. Mr. Moore advised Council and the general public that the Town is extremely short handed in the Town Hall office and asked that the public bear with us during this time. Mr. Moore further advised that the Town of Signal Mountain Municipal Code Update could

be ready in February or March. Mr. Moore also advised that the Town of Signal Mountain's Personnel Policy is currently under review by the Personnel Specialist at MTAS.

Other Business

a. Communications from the Mayor/Council. None

b. Reports from Committees or Boards.

Vice Mayor Murdock informed Council that a meeting will be held Friday, January 28, 2022 in Chattanooga for the Mountain Top Growth Plan.

Councilmember Anderson advised she had attended the Library Board meeting and the Library was really looking good and she had taken pictures and shared with Council.

c. Other. None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



Charles Poss, Mayor



Recorder